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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I am a small business owner who supports broadband competition. Before our area had broadband I was on satellite and had great difficulty receiving large files. The satellite carrier throttled down service of you exceeded their max limit on a rolling 30 day average. I was consulting with NASA and downloaded 9 proposals in one day and far exceeded their data volume limit. Since they used a rolling 30 day average, I was limited to 9.6kbps for a month and had to drive 30 miles to town for web based conference meetings. My carrier (Quest at that time) did not offer any internet service. The said that T1 service was not as valuable either. A third party service (Infostructure, Medford, OR) used the Quest lines (no new wires were pulled) and I had T1 reliable dedicated service, which solved my problem. Without their access to the Quest copper, I would not have the service my business required.

Infostructure was instrumental in helping a small company install a broadband tower on the mountain above our valley and now have broadband (10Mbps down and 5Mbps up) at a very reasonable rate. I can't imagine a major carrier helping to put in a system that would lower my costs significantly. I recently switched my landline from Centurylink who took over from Quest to Infostructure who I get my Broadband from so that I have one provider for my phone services. I am still using copper, (Centurylink) saved a few bucks but far better customer service. Infostructure worked with Centurylink to resolve a long standing problem that was irritating but I could li e with it. Centurylink basically said to live with it and Infostructure got them to fix it.

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